

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 remain in the application, with claims 11-18 standing withdrawn.

Claims 3 and 7 have been amended merely for grammatical purposes.

Claims 1-17 stand subject to a restriction requirement by the Examiner. However, the Applicant respectfully notes to the Examiner that there are a total of 18 claims (not 17) pending in the application.

The Examiner restricted the application to one of the following inventions:

Group I, claim(s) 1-10, drawn to “A Vibrating Magnetic Separator”;

Group II, claim(s) 11-12, drawn to “A Process of Treating Silicon-containing solid material”;

Group III, claim(s) 13, drawn to “A Process For the Manufacture of Chlorosilanes”; and

Group IV, claim(s) 14-17, drawn to “A Process For the Preparation of Chlorosilanes”.

As indicated above, there are 18 claims pending in the application. Therefore, for the purposes of this restriction requirement, the Applicant assumes that the Examiner would include claim 18 in Group IV because, like claims 14-17, claim 18 is drawn to a process for the preparation of chlorosilanes.

In response to this restriction, the Applicant elects Group I, thereby retaining claims 1-10 for prosecution on the merits. Claims 11-18 stand withdrawn. However, upon the allowance of a linking claim from claims 1-10, the Applicant respectfully reserves the right

to rejoin claims from claims 11-18 which are, or are amended to be, commensurate in scope with the allowed linking claim.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-2789.

Respectfully submitted,  
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